

underscored material = new  
[bracketed material] = delete

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25

SENATE BILL 648

**48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007**

INTRODUCED BY

Vernon D. Asbill

AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; PROVIDING FOR ALTERNATIVE WAYS TO REGISTER OR RENEW THE REGISTRATION OF SCHOOL BUSES; SETTING FEES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. A new section of the Motor Vehicle Code is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] SCHOOL BUS REGISTRATION--RENEWAL.--

A. A school district, another public entity or a school bus contractor may register a school bus that it owns on a permanent basis, without the requirement of renewal, at the time the school bus is initially registered with the department and issued a certificate of title or subsequent to initial registration at the next registration renewal date. The registrant shall pay the registration fee provided in Section

underscoring material = new  
[bracketed material] = delete

1 66-6-12 NMSA 1978. To implement this subsection, the  
2 department shall:

3 (1) promulgate a rule setting out the  
4 information and procedures the department may require to  
5 permanently register a school bus; and

6 (2) create a permanent registration validation  
7 sticker and permanent registration certificate for school buses  
8 registered pursuant to this subsection.

9 B. If a school district, another public entity or a  
10 school bus contractor does not register a school bus that it  
11 owns as provided in Subsection A of this section, it may renew  
12 the registration of two or more school buses it owns on a  
13 common date of its choosing on an annual basis, with the  
14 registration of those buses expiring and requiring renewal on  
15 that date. The fee for the registration of school buses is  
16 provided in Section 66-6-12 NMSA 1978. To implement this  
17 subsection the department shall:

18 (1) promulgate a rule setting out the  
19 information and procedures the department may require to  
20 achieve the registration renewal of two or more school buses on  
21 a common date; and

22 (2) prorate the fee for registration of school  
23 buses as necessary to achieve the common registration renewal  
24 date.

25 C. Nothing in this section shall prevent a school

.165049.1

underscored material = new  
[bracketed material] = delete

1 district or a school bus contractor from registering a school  
2 bus that it owns pursuant to another applicable provision of  
3 law."

4 Section 2. Section 66-6-12 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978,  
5 Chapter 35, Section 347, as amended) is amended to read:

6 "66-6-12. FEES FOR SCHOOL BUSES.--

7 A. Registration fees for school buses used solely  
8 for the purpose of transportation of school children and other  
9 school activities shall be seven dollars (\$7.00) a year, except  
10 that the fee for a school bus permanently registered pursuant  
11 to Subsection A of Section 1 of this 2007 act is:

12 (1) for a school bus initially registered at  
13 the time an original certificate of title is issued for that  
14 school bus, a one-time fee of one hundred forty dollars (\$140);  
15 or

16 (2) for a school bus permanently registered  
17 subsequent to the issuance of the original certificate of title  
18 for that school bus, a one-time fee of one hundred dollars  
19 (\$100).

20 B. The application for registration of a school bus  
21 shall be accompanied by the certificate of the director of  
22 transportation of the public education department stating that  
23 the [~~vehicle~~] bus is used solely and exclusively as a school  
24 bus. [~~A passenger car shall not be considered a school bus for~~  
25 ~~the purposes of this section.~~]"

.165049.1

